

# IAC Extended Call for Nominations

The GAVI Alliance Secretariat, in its role as AMC Secretariat, is seeking an additional member to compliment the skill sets of the current Independent Assessment Committee (IAC) in the following area of expertise:

- **Vaccine industry economics:** Applicants must have a background in industrial organization with specific knowledge of vaccine markets and vaccine R&D cost structure. Good knowledge of conjugate vaccines is requested; knowledge of pneumococcal conjugate vaccines market and cost structure is an asset.

## Overview

Advance Market Commitments (AMCs) are a new innovative approach to public health funding addressing the uncertainty of vaccine demand and market size in developing countries. An AMC requires donors to make legally binding financial commitments to support a market of a pre-agreed value, stimulating private investment in vaccine development and manufacturing capacity for future vaccines tackling neglected diseases. Companies that develop the target vaccine receive a pre-agreed relatively high price for the first vaccine doses and are required to continue supplying at a lower long term price. The vaccine is procured as demand from GAVI eligible countries materializes. Decisions about which disease to target, price and quantity requirements are made in advance by independent advisory groups.

Following the decision by the governments of the UK, Italy, Russia, Norway, Canada and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to provide US\$1.5 billion, a pilot AMC was implemented for pneumococcal vaccines to demonstrate both the feasibility of the AMC mechanism and its impact on accelerating vaccine production scale-up and introduction. The Pneumo AMC pilot has three overarching benefits. Firstly it will save lives accelerating uptake of adequate pneumococcal vaccines and preventing an estimated 7 million childhood deaths by 2030. Secondly, it will drive to get more predictable and sustainable prices and supply of vaccines over the long term. Finally, the AMC will foster competition, encourage innovation, and engage emerging as well as multinational manufacturers.

## The Independent Assessment Committee (IAC) Membership

The IAC is the cornerstone of the AMC with the mandate to oversee core parts of the process. The IAC will review and approve the minimum technical requirements that vaccines must meet to be eligible for AMC funding (Technical Product Profile - TPP). The committee will also decide if vaccines do meet the pre-agreed requirements. In its monitoring role, the IAC appraises information regarding the influence of the AMC on the development and production of specific vaccines and endorses annual progress reports. In addition, the IAC will establish when and if an adjustment of the pre-set long term price of vaccines is necessary. Finally, the IAC will have a dispute resolution function.

Members of the IAC will serve in their personal capacities. The IAC will operate over the lifetime of the AMC and members shall be appointed to serve for an initial term of up to six

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years renewable once. Nominees selected as members would be required to fill out a confidentiality form and a declaration of conflict of interests form. Members will not be paid, but expenses will be covered by the AMC Secretariat. The IAC will normally meet once a year in Geneva. Meetings will take place in English without interpretation and English fluency from members is therefore expected.

Members will be selected on the basis of their qualifications and ability to contribute to the accomplishment of the committee's objectives by an IAC Selection Panel composed of international leaders on global health issues.

For additional information please visit the AMC website: <http://www.vaccineamc.org>

### Request for Future Candidates:

In addition, the GAVI Alliance Secretariat is developing a pool of candidates to welcome in the near future. We are receiving applications of candidates with the following areas of expertise:

- **Clinical performance and delivery systems:** Extensive developing country experience in relation to paediatric vaccine delivery, including logistic and operational issues, new vaccine introduction decision making, programmatic planning and impact monitoring.
- **Contract law:** A legal background and with experience in vaccine research and/or supply agreements. Understanding of manufacturing and distribution processes.
- **Public health:** Broad background in child health in developing countries, experience in assessing longitudinal health and demographic data, sound understanding of developing country health systems and systems barriers to intervention delivery, experience with intervention impact assessment.
- **Public/Private Finance:** Finance – Experience in the finance function including corporate finance, forecasting, budgeting and costing. Good understanding of cost allocation and cost inflation in the vaccine industry. Basic knowledge and understanding of health financing in the public sector in developing countries, including aid flows, would also be useful.

### How to Apply

If you want to help us make a real and lasting contribution to save the lives of millions of children, send us a detailed curriculum vitae along with a motivation letter and a letter of reference addressed to the IAC Selection Panel at [IAC@gavialliance.org](mailto:IAC@gavialliance.org). Nominations for members will be accepted until 17 July 2009

Please share this request with anyone who may be interested in nominating an individual to serve as a member on the Committee.